pathy. Recommendations of the Committee which reviewed the Cadre were put up for clearance to Ministry of Finance. The Finance Ministry agreed to revise the Pay Scales of only the National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur, amongst the list of Autonomous Research Councils submitted to them.

Shortage of Doctors at Primary Health Centres

624. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government propose to take private doctors on Contract with a view to meet the shortage of doctors for primary health centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINITRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) to ensure delivery of quality services, availability of trained manpower, if necessary through alternative modes like contractual appointments of per visit fees has also been suggested for the States of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Bihar.

Abolition of Capitation fee in Medical Colleges

625. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether, despite Government's policy to abolish the system of capitation fee it is prevalent in Medical Colleges in different States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what effective measures are contemplated to do away with the system; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (d) As per information available from the Medical Council of India, there is no report of capitation fee being charged by any of the private medical colleges after the Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgement in the matter of Unnikrishnan's case.

Ban on Electropathy/Homoeopathy Medical Practitioners

626. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

SHRI K. M. KHAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have imposed a ban on electropathy/homoeopathy medical practitioners; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) Homoeopathy is a recognised system and there is no ban on its practitioners. Electropathy is not a recognised system imposition of ben separately on its practitioner is not called for.

Assessment of drug formulations

627. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been made recently to assess the percentage of drug formulations that are considered irrational and have been banned in various countries but are still being marketed in the country

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps contemplated by Government to check production and marketing of these drugs in the country?